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TAGS: PINT, PK  
SUBJECT: CMLA ZIA COMMENTS ON BHUTTO TRIAL

1. LA TIMES CORRESPONDENT SHARON ROSENHAUS TOLD US SEPTEMBER 7 THAT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN AN INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM BORDERS OF THE NY TIMES SEPTEMBER 6, CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR ZIA SAID THAT HE THOUGHT BHUTTO "WOULD BE CONVICTED" IN THE MURDER CASE NOW AGAINST HIM IN LAHORE HIGH COURT. BORDERS HAS FILED THE STORY, WHICH HAS BECOME A HOT TOPIC OF JOURNALISTIC CONVERSATION HERE AND COULD AT LEAST CAUSE THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION SOME EMBARRASSMENT.  
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ZIA'S COMMENT WILL ALSO RAISE SENSITIVE LEGAL ISSUES, SINCE UNDER PAKISTANI LAW GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY OFFICIALS ARE STRICTLY ENJOINED FROM COMMENTING ON CASES BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COURTS.  
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